

Our Specialist Services — A Complete Overview

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Description:

Explore every dental specialty at Collins Street Specialist Centre Melbourne CBD — orthodontics, endodontics, periodontics, prosthodontics, oral surgery, and paediatric dentistry.

Details:

Collins Street Specialist Centre (CSSC) brings together every major dental specialty under one roof at the historic Manchester Unity Building, 220 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD. Rather than referring you across the city to see different specialists, we provide comprehensive care in a single, convenient location.

Here is a detailed look at each of our specialist departments and what makes them distinctive.

Orthodontics — Straightening Teeth at Every Age

Our orthodontic team treats patients of all ages, from young children who may benefit from early interceptive treatment through to adults seeking discreet alignment options.

What Our Orthodontists Treat

- **Crowding and spacing** — teeth that overlap or have gaps between them - **Bite problems (malocclusion)** — overbites, underbites, crossbites, and open bites - **Jaw growth discrepancies** — early treatment to guide jaw development in children - **Pre-surgical orthodontics** — alignment in preparation for corrective jaw surgery - **Relapse correction** — teeth that have shifted after previous orthodontic treatment

Treatment Options Available

Our orthodontists are trained across the full spectrum of appliance systems. Treatment options include traditional metal braces, ceramic (tooth-coloured) braces, lingual braces placed behind the teeth, and clear aligner therapy. The right approach depends on the complexity of your case, your lifestyle preferences, and clinical factors that your orthodontist will discuss with you at your consultation.

The CSSC Advantage for Orthodontic Patients

Because oral surgeons, periodontists, and other specialists practise in the same building, patients who need combined orthodontic-surgical treatment can have their entire care team collaborate without the delays and miscommunication that come from working across separate practices. For adult patients, our periodontists can manage gum health throughout orthodontic treatment, while our prosthodontists can plan restorative work to complement the final tooth positions.

Endodontics — Saving Teeth Through Root Canal Treatment

Our endodontists are specialists in diagnosing and treating problems inside the tooth, particularly infections of the dental pulp (the nerve and blood supply within each tooth).

What Our Endodontists Treat

- **Root canal treatment** — removing infected or inflamed pulp tissue and sealing the tooth - **Endodontic retreatment** — treating teeth where a previous root canal has not resolved the problem - **Apicoectomy (surgical endodontics)** — a minor surgical procedure to treat infection at the root tip when conventional root canal treatment is not sufficient - **Dental trauma management** — assessing and treating teeth that have been knocked, cracked, or displaced - **Diagnosis of tooth pain** — identifying the source of pain that may be difficult to pinpoint

Advanced Technology

Our endodontists use operating microscopes that provide high magnification and illumination, allowing them to see fine details within the root canal system that would be invisible to the naked eye. Cone-beam computed tomography (CBCT) three-dimensional imaging helps identify complex root anatomy, hidden canals, and subtle fractures.

Why Specialist Endodontic Care Matters

General dentists perform many root canal treatments effectively, but complex cases — teeth with unusual root anatomy, previous failed treatments, or calcified canals — benefit from the additional training and equipment that endodontists bring. Our endodontists complete a minimum of three years of postgraduate training focused exclusively on endodontic procedures.

Periodontics — Gum Health and Dental Implants

Our periodontists specialise in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases affecting the gums and the bone that supports your teeth. They are also experts in dental implant placement.

What Our Periodontists Treat

- **Gum disease (gingivitis and periodontitis)** — from early-stage inflammation to advanced bone loss - **Gum recession** — where the gum pulls back from the tooth, exposing the root surface - **Crown lengthening** — reshaping gum and bone to expose more of the tooth for restorative work - **Bone grafting** — rebuilding bone that has been lost due to gum disease or tooth extraction - **Dental implant placement** — surgically placing titanium implants to replace missing teeth - **Soft tissue grafting** — restoring gum tissue for both health and cosmetic reasons

The Foundation of Good Dental Health

Periodontal disease is one of the most common chronic conditions in adults, and it is the leading cause of tooth loss in Australians over the age of 30. Left untreated, gum disease can lead to progressive bone loss, tooth mobility, and eventual tooth loss. Our periodontists develop tailored treatment plans that address both the active disease and the long-term maintenance needed to keep it under control.

Implant Expertise

Dental implants are one of the most reliable ways to replace missing teeth, and our periodontists have extensive experience in implant surgery, including cases that require bone augmentation or sinus lifts before implant placement. Working alongside our prosthodontists, who design and fit the crowns and bridges that attach to the implants, ensures a seamless result from surgery through to the finished restoration.

Prosthodontics — Restoring and Replacing Teeth

Our prosthodontists specialise in the restoration and replacement of teeth. Whether you need a single crown, a full-mouth reconstruction, or implant-supported dentures, prosthodontic care focuses on restoring both function and appearance.

What Our Prosthodontists Treat

- **Crowns and bridges** — custom-made restorations to repair damaged teeth or replace missing ones - **Dental implant restorations** — the crowns, bridges, or dentures that attach to implants - **Full and partial dentures** — removable options for replacing multiple missing teeth - **Veneers** — thin porcelain facings to improve the appearance of front teeth - **Full-mouth rehabilitation** — comprehensive treatment for patients with extensive dental problems - **Temporomandibular joint (TMJ) disorders** — diagnosis and management of jaw joint problems

Complex Case Management

Prosthodontists are often the "architects" of complex dental treatment plans. When a patient needs multiple types of treatment — perhaps implants, crowns, and orthodontics — the prosthodontist often coordinates the overall plan, ensuring that each stage of treatment leads logically to the next and that the final result delivers optimal function, comfort, and aesthetics.

The CSSC Advantage for Restorative Patients

Having prosthodontists working alongside periodontists (who place implants), orthodontists (who align teeth before restorative work), and oral surgeons (who may need to extract teeth or perform bone grafting) means that complex cases can be planned and executed collaboratively. Treatment planning meetings between specialists ensure everyone is working toward the same outcome.

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery — Surgical Expertise

Our oral and maxillofacial surgeons are dental specialists with additional surgical training, covering procedures that range from routine wisdom tooth removal to complex jaw surgery.

What Our Oral Surgeons Treat

- **Wisdom tooth removal** — including impacted or difficult extractions - **Dental implant placement** — surgical placement of implants, including complex cases - **Corrective jaw surgery (orthognathic surgery)** — surgical repositioning of the jaws to correct bite problems and facial imbalances - **Bone grafting and sinus lifts** — rebuilding bone to support implants or restore jaw structure - **Oral pathology** — biopsy and management of lesions, cysts, and other abnormalities of the mouth and jaws - **Surgical exposure of impacted teeth** — uncovering teeth that have not erupted properly, often in collaboration with our orthodontists - **Facial trauma** — management of injuries to the teeth, jaws, and facial bones

Sedation and Anaesthesia

Our oral surgeons are trained in sedation and general anaesthesia, providing options for patients who are anxious about dental procedures or who require more complex surgery. This is particularly valuable for patients who need extensive work, wisdom tooth removal, or who have dental phobia that makes treatment in a standard dental setting difficult.

Collaborative Surgical-Orthodontic Care

One of the most significant advantages of having oral surgeons and orthodontists in the same centre is the ability to coordinate surgical-orthodontic cases seamlessly. Patients requiring corrective jaw surgery typically need orthodontic treatment before and after the surgical procedure. At CSSC, both specialists

can meet with the patient together, plan the case jointly, and monitor progress at each stage.

Paediatric Dentistry — Caring for Children's Teeth

Our paediatric dentists (also known as pedodontists) specialise in the dental care of infants, children, and adolescents, including children with special healthcare needs.

What Our Paediatric Dentists Treat

- **Preventive care** — examinations, cleanings, fluoride treatments, and fissure sealants - **Dental decay in baby and permanent teeth** — fillings, crowns, and pulp therapy - **Dental trauma in children** — managing injuries to developing teeth - **Management of developmental dental conditions** — including enamel defects, missing teeth, and extra teeth - **Behaviour management** — techniques to help anxious or young children feel comfortable during dental treatment - **Sedation dentistry for children** — options for children who cannot tolerate treatment in the dental chair

A Child-Friendly Approach

Children are not simply small adults — their teeth, jaws, and emotional needs are different. Our paediatric dentists have completed additional postgraduate training specifically focused on child development, behaviour management, and the unique dental conditions that affect children. They understand how to communicate with children of different ages and how to make dental visits a positive experience.

Growing with Your Child

For children who need orthodontic treatment, oral surgery, or other specialist care as they grow, the transition between our paediatric dentists and other specialists within the centre is straightforward. Records, imaging, and clinical history are readily available, and the specialists can consult with each other directly.

General and Cosmetic Dentistry

In addition to our specialist departments, CSSC provides general dental services and cosmetic treatments for patients who want comprehensive care in one location.

Services Include

- **Comprehensive examinations and treatment planning** — thorough assessments including digital imaging - **Preventive care** — professional cleanings, oral hygiene guidance, and risk assessments - **Restorative dentistry** — fillings, inlays, onlays, and direct restorations - **Cosmetic treatments** — teeth whitening, cosmetic bonding, and smile design - **Emergency dental care** — prompt attention for dental pain, broken teeth, and other urgent problems

Integration with Specialist Care

General dentists at CSSC can refer patients directly to any specialist in the building when a case requires expertise beyond general dentistry. Equally, specialists refer patients back to the general dental team for routine maintenance and follow-up care. This integrated model means that no matter what brings you to CSSC, you will receive the right level of care for your needs.

The Multidisciplinary Advantage

What truly distinguishes Collins Street Specialist Centre is not any single department, but the way they work together. Dental problems rarely exist in isolation. A patient with advanced gum disease may also need implants and crowns. A teenager with a severe bite problem may need orthodontics and jaw surgery. An anxious child may need paediatric expertise combined with sedation services.

At CSSC, these conversations happen naturally — in person, between colleagues who know each other's work and trust each other's clinical judgement. There are no referral letters lost in the post, no months-long waits for second opinions, and no conflicting treatment recommendations from specialists who have never spoken to each other.

For patients, this translates into more efficient treatment, better-coordinated care, and the confidence that comes from knowing your entire dental team is working together toward the same goal.

How to Get Started

You can book a consultation with any of our specialists directly. While many patients are referred by their general dentist, a referral is not always required. Contact our reception team on (03) 9654 6979 to discuss which specialist is best suited to your needs, or visit us at Level 4, Manchester Unity Building, 220 Collins Street, Melbourne CBD.

Frequently Asked Questions

****Do I need a referral to see a specialist at CSSC?*** For most of our specialists, you can book directly without a referral. However, having a referral from your general dentist can be helpful as it provides your clinical history and may assist with Medicare or private health insurance claims for certain procedures.

****Can I see multiple specialists at CSSC?*** Absolutely. One of the key benefits of our centre is that you can see different specialists in the same location. Our team can coordinate appointments and treatment plans across departments.

****Does CSSC treat children?*** Yes. Our paediatric dentists specialise in treating children from infancy through adolescence, including children with special needs or dental anxiety.

****What if I do not have a regular dentist?*** You are welcome to contact us directly. Our reception team can help you determine which specialist or general dentist is most appropriate for your situation.

****Is the centre accessible by public transport?*** Yes. We are located at 220 Collins Street in Melbourne CBD, within walking distance of Flinders Street and Melbourne Central stations, and directly on multiple tram routes along Collins Street.

****What payment options are available?*** We accept all major private health insurance funds and offer various payment options. Our reception team can provide specific information about costs and payment plans at the time of booking.